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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

A response after final action was filed in the above-identified patent application on June 15, 2004, in an effort to place this case in condition for allowance. A Notice of Appeal was also filed in order to avoid abandonment of the application in the event that the response was not deemed sufficient to secure the allowance of this case. No action has yet been received on the response, and efforts to ascertain the status of the application in view of the response have been unavailing.

In the event that the response previously filed has not placed the case in condition for allowance, such that an appeal, request for continued examination, or continuation application is required in order to maintain the filing date of the application, please enter the present Request for Continued Examination and charge the filing fee therefor and the applicable five month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 22-0257. In the event that the prior response was sufficient to secure the allowance of the present application or to secure the withdrawal of the final action (such that Applicant will have an opportunity to respond to a forthcoming office

action or a request for examiner's amendment), please refrain from entering the present amendment and charging the applicable fees (which would then be unnecessary) to Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, and modifying the amendment filed June 16, 2004, please amend the claims in the above action in the manner set forth in the attached claim amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.